Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Citizen volunteer action is a core, shared tradition of our nation; and,

Whereas, More than 109 million volunteers in the United States work in their communities, utilizing their time and talent daily to make a real difference in the lives of people; and,

Whereas, All citizens -- young people, older Americans, families, work-place volunteers, professionals -- have something to contribute as a volunteer; and,

Whereas, Volunteers are vital to our future as a caring and productive nation and world, and our own communities benefit from any volunteer action no matter how large or small; and,

Whereas, Volunteers are the backbone of charitable, nonprofit, and civic organizations that could never provide the same level of service without the many hours donated by these dedicated, caring individuals:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 17-23, 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge our citizens to recognize the traditions of volunteering and commit or recommit to volunteer involvement as a unifying force to build stronger communities.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventh Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State